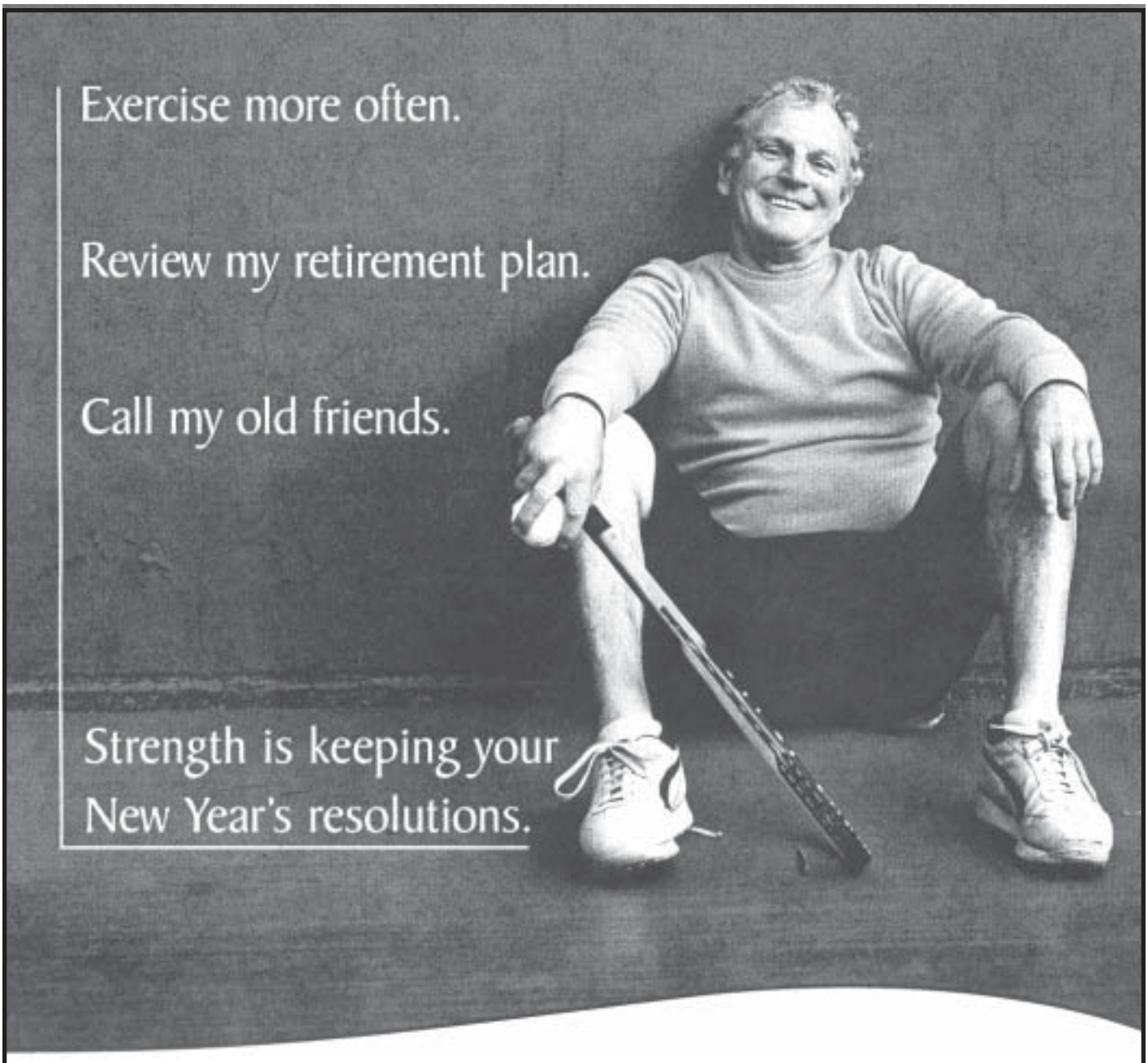
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On the Ballot

Mattapoisett, Rochester Candidates Finalized

The deadlines for returning nomination papers for the Annual Town Elections in both Mattapoisett and Rochester have passed and 2003 is shaping up to be another competitive year on the election front. Breaking with the long-standing tradition of unopposed incumbents in the tri-towns, both have key contested races.

With the recent announcement that **Mattapoisett Selectman Paul Lambalot** would not seek re-election this year, two newcomers have officially thrown their hats into the political ring. **Stephen J. Lombard** of Chapel Road and **Robert J. Rogers** of Fairhaven Road are vying for Mr. Lambalot's three-year open seat. Mr. Lombard has prior experience has a Town Manager and Mr. Rogers is currently serving on the Mattapoisett Planning Board.



Above: *We Are The Champions! Members of the undefeated (17-0) Girls 2002 Mattapoisett Recreation Basketball Champs include (top) Coach Gretchen MacDonald, Coach Patti Fougere, Jackie Fougere, Kate Davis, Christina Cady, Kathy Kelleher, Noelle Fougere, Kyle MacDonald, Alicia Sullivan, Sam Ward, and Lauren Costello. Members of the Seventh and Eighth Grade 2002 Mattapoisett Recreation Boys Basketball Champs include (bottom) Coach Gary Amaral, Coach Kevin Cote, Corey Amaral, Tom Broom, Nick Carnazza, Jordan Cote, Brandon Davies, Jacob Galley, Jacob Hiller, Sam Ogren, and Cody Amaral.*

On the cover: *Emma and Daniel Gregory posed with a copy of* The Wanderer *alongside their mom, Shelley Forrester, at the Grand Place of Brussels in Belgium, near where they live. The family members are summer residents of Mattapoisett and have many relatives in town and in nearby Fairhaven. (Photo by and courtesy of Doug Gregory).*

Newcomer **John A. Eklund** is also running unopposed for the one-year Town Moderator position, left vacated when longtime Moderator **Richard W. Blasdale** also announced he would not seek re-election this year.

Rounding out the **April 1, 2003** Mattapoisett Annual Town Election ballot:

- Board of Assessors (3 years) – **Robert Fay** (incumbent);
- Mattapoisett School Committee (2 seats: 3 years, 2 years) – **Andrew F. Lynch** (incumbent) and **William H. Reed** (incumbent);
- Trustee of the Mattapoisett Public Library (2



Above: *Old Rochester Regional High School students who were part of the recent "Red Alert" anti-drug performance team included (l. to r.) Maureen Best ('03), Sarah Lynch ('04), Ryan Jones ('04), Ryan Best ('07) and, in rear, Eric Anderson ('04). (Photo courtesy of Kathleen Marx).*

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seats: 3 years, 2 years) – **Margaret A. Cooper**, **Marianne F. DeCosta**, and **Clayton Hagy** (incumbent);

• Water/Sewer Commissioner (3 years) – **James F. Huntoon** (incumbent);

• Board of Health (3 years) – **Russell L. Bailey** (incumbent);

• Treasurer/Tax Collector (3 years) – **Jean H. Kittredge** and **Charles W. McCullough**;

• Planning Board (5 years) – **Jordan C. Collyer**;

• Mattapoisett Housing Authority (5 years) – **Margaret M. DeMello** (incumbent);

• Highway Surveyor (3 years) – **Wesley N. Bowman** (incumbent).

There will also be a contested race for the three-year Selectman's seat in **Rochester** on their **April 9, 2003** ballot. Incumbent **Selectman Patricia E. Ryan** will face off against Park Commissioner **Gary Laboa** for the position.

Other candidates who have officially returned their nomination papers in Rochester:

• Board of Assessors (3 years) – **Jana Cavanaugh**;

• Tree Warden (2 years) – **Jeffrey G. Eldridge**;

• Town Moderator (3 years) – **Grenwood Hartley III**;

• Board of Health (3 years) – **Dale Barrows**;

• Planning Board (5 years) – **Bradford Morse**, **Donald Jones**, and **Donald Gaspar**;

• Planning Board (3 years) – **Claude Miquelle**, **Gary Amaral**, and **Joseph Valente**;

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• Rochester School Committee (3 years) – **Robin Rounseville** and **Catherine MacGregor**;

• Library Trustee (3 years) – **Katherine Church** (and 1 vacant seat);

• Cemetery Commission (3 years) – **Peter MacGregor**;

• Park Commission (3 years) – **Steven Grenier**.

The deadline for returning nomination papers in Marion for their Annual Town Election is March 14, 2003.

"Red Alert"

Play Sends Anti-Drug Message

By Kathy St. Martin

Drug Prevention and Safety Facilitator, Normandin Middle School

Since 1989, the nurses and emergency medical technicians (EMT's) from St. Luke's Hospital have been trying to prevent kids from using drugs. They do it by going to schools and doing their *Red Alert* play. With the help of students from Old Rochester Regional High School, Cindy Ziewacz an ER nurse, stages scenes in which a young person overdoses.

"This type of scenario is more common than we'd like to believe, but we frequently see instances like these in the emergency room," Ms. Ziewacz said.

The play is as realistic as possible so that the kids who are watching will understand what goes on in this kind of emergency. Much of it is unpleasant but that is the

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reality behind poisoning by drug or alcohol overdose.

At the end of the performance one of the students in the play "dies."

"We do this to make a point," said New Bedford Paramedic Rosemary Darmon. "Things like this happen to young people every day all over the country. We hope that if kids understand the harsh consequences of doing drugs then maybe they won't take them in the first place."

Another goal of this performance is to encourage kids who already have a problem with alcohol or other drugs, or know someone who does, to seek help. The ER is a place to do that and there is nothing to fear.

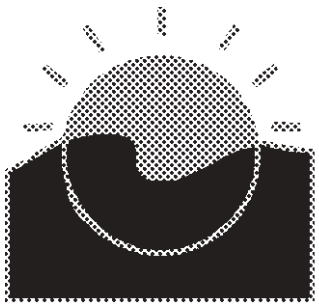
ER personnel have actually found unconscious people dumped on the sidewalk in front of the hospital. This makes it hard to treat that person because they have no information to go on. So their advice is to not use or abuse but if it happens call 911 and get help as soon as possible.

Many Normandin Middle School kids asked great questions. Two students who were interviewed after the presentation agreed that it gave a very powerful message. "People should not worry about what could happen to you if it means saving someone's life," they said.

The ORR students who came to play the "party people" said they do it because they think that taking a chance with your life just to get high is stupid. They want to show middle school students that many older teens don't use drugs or alcohol. They just don't need it to have a good time.

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Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

February 24, 2003

By Eletha Yeaton

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Paul Lambalot on Monday, February 24 at 7:00 pm. Also in attendance were Selectman Raymond Andrews, Selectman Barry Denham, and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

After signing various vouchers and bills, the board approved the minutes of the February 18 meeting and noted the following meetings scheduled for the week:

• Tuesday, February 25 at 6:00 pm – Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, and Town Counsel Perry in

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Executive Session regarding pending litigation, in the Selectmen's Office.

• Wednesday, February 26 – Board of Selectmen/Finance Committee regarding budgets at a time to be set. The board and the Finance Committee (FinCom) will be meeting for the next three or four Wednesdays for this purpose.

• Thursday, February 27 at 3:00 pm – Board of Selectmen/Department Heads regarding the Phase II Stormwater Management meeting.

Under outgoing correspondence, the board sent:

• A memo inviting various department heads to attend the Stormwater Management Meeting.

• A letter thanking Jane Linhares for the time she devoted to the Economic Development Committee.

• Authorization to use Shipyard Park for the Annual Harbor Days festivities, granted to the Mattapoisett Lions Club.

• A memo was sent to Mike Costello, Chairman of the Marine Advisory Board (MAB), forwarding the name of Horace Field as a member to the MAB.

Under incoming correspondence, the board received:

• A letter from Mary O'Keefe, Manager of Government and Community Relations for Comcast Cable Communications. Ms. O'Keefe addressed the cable drop and outlet to the Old Hammondtown School.

• A letter form Stephen L. Kelleher, Chairman of the Bike Path Study Committee, requesting permission to

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seek an opinion from Town Counsel.

• John DeCosta, Chairman of the Memorial Day Committee, inviting the Selectmen to attend Memorial Day exercises on Monday, May 26 at 1:00 pm at the library.

• A thank you is extended to Selectman Lambalot for the time he has devoted as Selectmen's Representative to the Old Rochester Regional School District contract negotiating team. Rochester Selectman Richard Nunes has been appointed to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Lambalot's resignation.

At 7:15 pm, Glenna Sanford presented the board with checks totaling $10,693.47 from the proceeds of the recent Center School Silent Auction. The Selectmen enthusiastically accepted the presentation for the general fund and remarked that it was gratifying to know that the items sold did not end up in the landfill. Thanks were extended by the board to Ms. Sanford and to all the volunteers who worked on the auction.

The Selectmen then discussed the letter from Comcast concerning the previous communication with AT&T Broadband. Selectman Andrews suggested that in order to bring the new design of Old Hammondtown School the necessary cable and drop outlet, Comcast Cable Communications, Inc. is willing to split the $3,300 cost with the town. He pointed out that litigation concerning this issue would cost far more than the $1175 and that the town should accept this offer and pay that amount so the students will once again have internet access and cable TV capabilities. Since Center School lies along the cable route, there will be no further charge when renovations are completed there.

In regard to the correspondence concerning the Bike Path, Selectman Andrews has requested information regarding the costs of engineering, construction, and permanent costs for all four phases of the bike path before

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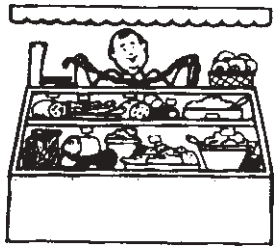
Executive Secretary Carol Adams reminded everyone that all requests for Articles, Petitions, Street Acceptances and reports for town reports must be received in the Selectmen's Office on Friday, March 7. Any department heads who will not be able to complete the information by that time should notify Ms. Adams with some idea of the content so that she can do the preliminary work and save space for their finished item.

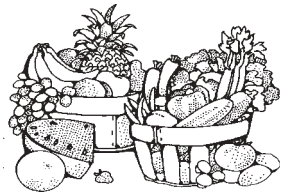
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• Notice has been received from union representatives negotiating with the Board of Selectmen that dates must be submitted to begin negotiations for the collective bargaining process.

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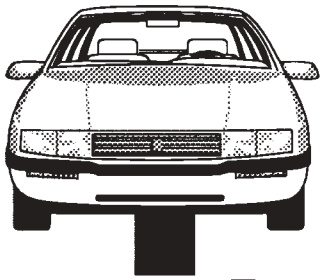
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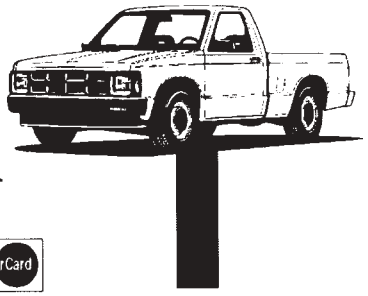
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• Ms. Adams reported that a request has been made to increase the Fire Station Building Committee from five to seven members. Presently, the membership is as follows: Fire Chief, one firefighter, one FinCom member, one Selectman, and one resident. Ms. Adams recommended the addition of two town residents. The board voted to amend its June 5, 2000 vote by increasing the membership of the Fire Station Building Committee to seven members. The suggestion was made to appoint the following: Fire Chief Ronald Scott, a firefighter of his recommendation, FinCom member John Appleton, and residents Mark Estes, Allan Schubert, and John McGill. A Selectman will be appointed after the Annual Town Election.

At 8:00 pm, Roland Samimy and Dr. Brian Howes of SMAST (School for Marine Science and Technology of UMASS/Dartmouth) gave a presentation of the Massachusetts Estuaries Project. "The overarching mission of the Massachusetts Estuaries Project is the protection and restoration of the health of coastal embayments from Duxbury south around Cape Cod, Buzzards Bay and to the Rhode Island border, inclusive of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. Technical experts from SMAST are working with the DEP to classify the nitrogen sensitivity of these shallow coastal water bodies, conduct quantitative linked watershed-embayment water quality modeling, generate site-specific thresholds analysis and present some options for achieving these thresholds."

It was agreed that given the location of Eel Pond, any plan for achieving the goals should include working with the Bike Path Committee and the projected engineering plans for the bike path. The Selectmen also need to know the projected cost of the project which they all agreed is most necessary to the future of our seashore. The Selectmen were unanimous in their thanks to David Jenney, who was present, for all the work he has done on

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There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

February 25, 2003

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00 pm by Chairman pro tem David Pierce. Also present were Selectman Andrew Jeffrey, Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock, and Secretary Helene Craver. Selectman Benjamin Bryant was not present for the meeting.

The board first approved various treasury and payroll warrants for the week, and then unanimously approved the minutes of the February 4 meeting.

Under incoming correspondence, the board received:

• Letter from Albert E. Winters regarding the Sippican School Major Maintenance Committee. Mr. Winters noted that at the last meeting of the Sippican School Building Committee, they agreed that a major maintenance committee should be formed to advise the Board of Selectmen on such issues. Selectman Pierce noted they would hold this item until next week's meeting so Selectman Bryant could be present.

• Notice from the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission that The Wave Restaurant has applied for a

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• Memo from Police Chief Lincoln Miller commending the members of the Department of Public Works (DPW) for their efforts in keeping up with the recent snowstorm of February 17. "All throughout the day and night, and into the next day, the DPW crews kept our roads free and clear," Chief Miller wrote. "It was amazing that with this amount of snowfall, many of the town roads had bare pavement showing by noon on Tuesday."

"We are fortunate in town, we have a wonderful DPW," agreed resident Tyler Blethen.

• Letter from Reverend Robert Macfarlane expressing his appreciation to the board and the town for allowing them to use the Marion Music Hall on Friday, February 7 for the "Share in the Spirit" Benefit Ball to benefit the Allen family.

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• Notice from the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) that their next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 pm in the SRPEDD Office in Taunton.

• Letter from the Massachusetts Office for Administration and Finance seeking at least 500 square feet of morgue/autopsy space on behalf of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

"We're pretty tight here, so I don't think we'll be able to offer space," Selectman Pierce said.

At 7:10 pm the board met with Carolyn Rubenstein of the Marion Historic District Study Committee. Ms. Rubenstein presented a copy of the committee's recent meeting minutes and their proposed guidelines.

"With your okay we went ahead and got about fifteen guidelines that are currently in use by other towns ... we're looking to see what will be right for Marion," Ms. Rubenstein said. "We read all the pieces we felt were necessary for our town. We've given these guidelines to two architects, a builder, and someone on an existing (historic) commission because we want their opinions and suggestions."

To that end, Ms. Rubenstein said once the guidelines are finalized, they will be mailed out to residents in the proposed historic districts after the Annual Town Meeting, then they will hold a meeting with residents to discuss the guidelines.

"After the meeting with residents and after we complete the rest of the polling, if we then feel we have a majority of (people) in the districts in favor of (the proposal), we'll hold another public meeting in August and present (the by-law at Town Meeting) in the fall," Ms. Rubenstein said. "When we mail the guidelines out, we'll also mail a copy of the by-law. A cover letter will also give information to the residents."

Selectman Jeffrey suggested the board review the cover letter before it is sent out to residents.

"I think you've listened to what people have said, to your credit, and you've addressed that in the guidelines," Selectman Jeffrey said. "I think with the cover letter, the guidelines, and the by-laws, they'll have a good understanding of the (proposed districts)."

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Ms. Rubenstein said they're planning on holding the resident meeting after June 15 to accommodate summer residents.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Ms. Enroth-Whitlock noted that she's received some proposed articles for the Annual Town Meeting warrant, including four to seven zoning articles from the Planning Board, and an increase in representation to the Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School District.

"I think it's very important that anyone planning to submit an article for the warrant, they should submit it by March 3," Selectman Jeffrey said. "After that date, we may not be able to consider it (for the Annual Town Meeting)."

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"Even if I don't have (the wording of) the article, I need the substance of it," Ms. Enroth-Whitlock added. "In some cases, such as zoning, there are hearings involved."

In other matters, Ms. Enroth-Whitlock:

• Discussed the proposed Inclusionary Housing By-Law, which would require support from the Board of Selectmen.

• Discussed Privilege Sticker Requirements with regard to rental vehicles. "The only way they can see doing this, without generating additional paperwork, is to require a deposit when they are given a sticker, and they get their deposit back when they return (the sticker)," she said. "It would discourage them from (keeping it). Many towns don't even allow temporary stickers. People are going to start getting stickers (soon)."

With that, the board unanimously voted to impose a $20 deposit requirement for those obtaining privilege stickers for rental vehicles, which would then be refunded when the sticker is returned.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:40 pm. Their next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4 at 7:00 pm.

Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

February 24, 2003

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, February 24 at 6:45 pm by Chairman Patricia Ryan. Also present were Selectman Naida Parker, Selectman Richard Nunes, Town Administrator James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

The board first approved the minutes of the January 27, February 3, and February 18 meetings, and

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The board next met with Communications Dispatcher Tracy Weckesser who is requesting a leave of absence from the department to go on maternity leave. Chief Dispatcher Kathy O'Brien has approved Ms. Weckesser's leave, and the board unanimously voted to grant the medical leave as requested.

Several residents were present from the High Street area to inquire about the town's response to a Request for Proposal (RFP) recently sent to area town officials for siting a possible Wampanoag Casino/Gaming Complex. The residents had read a recent report of this RFP in a local newspaper and were concerned about the potential of the facility being located in or around Rochester.

"What has been asked of Rochester is if we have the minimum acreage (of town-owned land) that we'd be willing to sell," Chairman Ryan said. "We sent back a letter saying we ... don't have 150 acres (of town-owned property) to sell. That doesn't mean private residents can't sell (them) land. That would have to be between the

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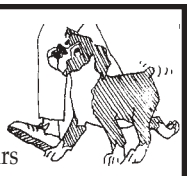


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In order to allay the residents' fears, Chairman Ryan also said that if such a proposal were made to a private landowner, she would want to call a Special Town Meeting to approve the project. "It has to be something that the townspeople support or don't support," she said. "That's what we did for SEMASS."

"I was wondering if there had been any discussions between Rochester and (other towns)," said Claudia Butler. "I didn't get a sense (of that) from the newspaper article."

"The problem with Rochester is we don't have a big water supply available, and let's face it (a casino) would require an ample water supply," Chairman Ryan said. "It's very hard to try to think of all the things that could possibly happen, depending on the location. We have Mr. Strutski's location (in Rochester) ... which would put a burden on Marion Road and Route 105. If you're looking for opinions, I can only speak for myself and not the board. I would rather support Eastover Farm and keeping it (as open space), because that's the rural character of Rochester. I'm not looking for bright lights and big buildings."

"I think the impact would be just as severe if it were located in Wareham or Carver," Ms. Butler said.

To that end, Mr. Huntoon suggested the residents should send letters to local legislators expressing their opposition to siting a casino/gaming complex in the area. "They react to (these issues)," he said. "There's a number of different avenues you can take, because they'll be hearing those things in the next few sessions in Boston."

"To help alleviate concerns that the townspeople wouldn't know that something was happening, I think

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this board is willing to give its word that when we hear something, we will let you know," Chairman Ryan said. "There's no other way we can do anything. If Wareham is quietly having talks and we don't know about it, we can't tell you."

Ms. Butler asked the board if they are willing to write a letter expressing their opposition to a casino/gaming complex located in or around Rochester.

"I think what I'd like to do is send letters to neighboring Boards of Selectmen and ask them if they are contemplating selling land for a casino first," Chairman Ryan said. "Am I worried about it? Yes. But you have to approach it (systematically). I'm sure that in no matter what section of town (it is located), we'd have a group of people in here, stomping their feet, saying they don't want it. It's going to impact every person for 100 miles around, to be sure."

The board did vote to draft and send out a letter to all adjacent communities asking if they are considering selling land for the purpose of a casino/gaming complex and agreed to keep residents abreast of any future developments on this matter.

At 7:20 pm the board met with Chief Dispatcher Kathy O'Brien, who first wanted to introduce the board to Bob Freitas, whom she is recommending as a part-time dispatcher to fill a vacant position. The board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Freitas as recommended.

Ms. O'Brien also came before the board to discuss an increase in administrative time and changes to her



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Communications Department budget. "My understanding is any additional overtime hours needs to go on an override," Ms. O'Brien said.

The board unanimously voted to approve Ms. O'Brien's amended budget as submitted.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Huntoon noted that Police Chief Paul Magee has requested a Police Matron for the department and he has suggested appointing Kathleen Massey, a Rochester resident and current Police Matron in Mattapoisett, to fill the position. The board voted to appoint Ms. Massey as Police Matron for Rochester.

Mr. Huntoon noted they received a letter from an attorney representing Melissa Trahan requesting a year's worth of police logs in a pending litigation matter. He also noted they will be closing on the property formerly owner by Dwight McCombe this week and the town should see a substantial amount of back taxes come into their coffers as a result.

In other matters, the board:

• Discussed placing a non-binding referendum question on an upcoming ballot regarding the town's intent in supporting the proposed expansion of Rochester Memorial School.

• Received a letter of resignation from David Watling who is stepping down from the Rochester Housing Partnership (RHP) due to other commitments. The board voted to accept his resignation.

• Agreed to make appointments to the Rochester


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• Received payment in lieu of taxes from SEMASS in the amount of $230,016 for 91,477 tons of trash collected during the month of January, 2003.

• Received a memo from Health Director Karen Walega regarding her recent discussion with the Board of Health over the proposed Mary's Pond Beach project. "The Board of Health voted that they would require a building be constructed on the site that would house at least one female and one male rest room with a dressing room," Ms. Walega wrote. "The building would also need to be serviced by a working septic system. The reason for this is that if we do not have a bathroom facility, it is a pretty good bet that the beach would be closed because of high coliform counts."

However, Ms. Walega noted that the Board of Health also discussed the new baseball field complex, which has not yet been finished, and this facility does not have bathrooms for public use either. "It might be in the town's interest to finish that facility by installing bathroom facilities and a septic system before it begins a new project."

• Signed and approved a five-article Special Town Meeting warrant for Monday, March 24, 2003. Article 1 will ask the town to appropriate $1.95 million to acquire conservation restrictions under MGL, Chapter 40, Section 8C to purchase land known as Eastover Farm; Article 2 will ask voters to appropriate a sum of money ($6,000) to increase Article 6, Line Item 6-7 of the June 7, 1999 Annual Town Meeting to upgrade the Board of Assessors Computer System; Article 3 will request additional money to cover prior fiscal year's bills; Article 4 will request an additional $6,500 transfer for Veterans Services; and Article 5 will request an additional $500 to cover Animal Control service fees.

There being no further matters to come before the



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• Fifth and Sixth Grade Boys: **Days' Tarheels** (5-0); **Huggins' Friars** (3-2); **Nelson's Orangemen** (2-2); **Botelho's Blue Devils** (2-3); **Suzan's Eagles** (1-3); and **Mahoney's Minutemen** (0-3).

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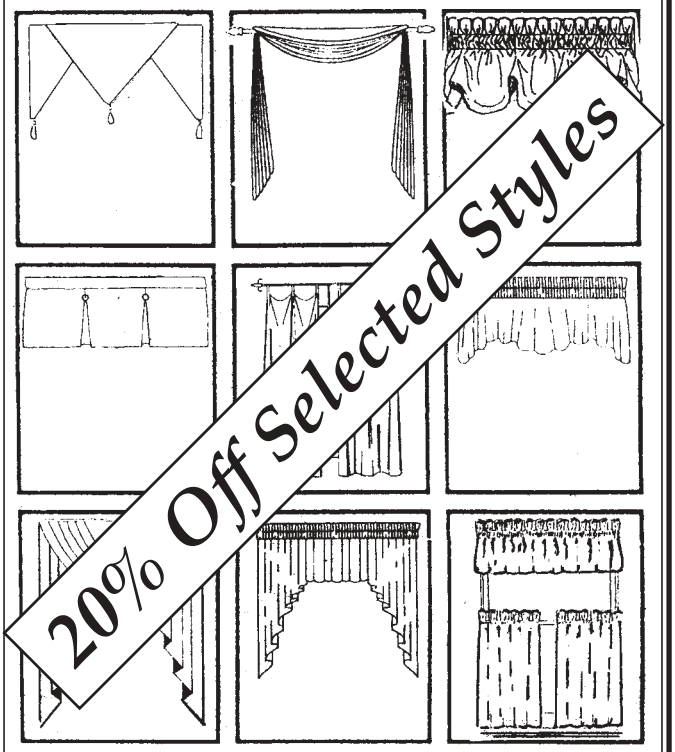
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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

We, the Pinard family, would like to thank all of the family, friends and neighbors who helped us through the difficult time after our house fire in December just before Christmas. Without the support and encouragement from everyone we know (and others we did not know), we would have never recovered.

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During my last five years on the Planning Board we were able to either level fund or reduce our budget due to our efforts in obtaining free consulting services through the regional planning agency (SRPEDD).

I am committed to seeking additional revenue sources, which is why I currently serve on the landfill study committee.

It will require leadership and consensus building to control costs, create opportunities to increase revenue, and help make the difficult decisions that face our community

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Sincerely,
Sharon and Michael Pinard
Mattapoisett

To the Editor:

Communities have to work hard to manage growth. While growth can't be stopped as many would like, management can at least make growth easier to live with. Management in Rochester means providing services to meet the demands of an expanding population. It also means preserving the things that define the town. Unfortunately both have costs. More homes means more taxes for all of us to support needed services while more of the rural character of Rochester disappears. Those same tax dollars, however, can be spent to preserve the town and avoid another subdivision.

Rochester residents are being asked to help preserve 800 acres of Eastover Farms. The $1.95 million being requested would be Rochester's share of the approximately $6 million needed to allow this to happen. The cost to the average home owner in Rochester has been calculated to be about $70 each year for the next 20 years. The cost to provide additional services to the estimated 100 homes that could be built on the property would be about the same per year with no time limit.

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"Think globally, act locally." We can't save the world, be we can save Eastover Farm and a piece of Rochester. Attend the Special Town Meeting on March 24 and go to the polls. Vote in favor of the article and override. It's your town. Be proud that you've helped shape its future.

Sincerely,
Richard D. Cutler
Rochester

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Pharmacy Pricing in Budget

State Representative William Straus (D-Mattapoisett) announced this week that discount pharmacy pricing language he offered on the floor of the



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House is included in the Supplemental Budget that the House and Senate passed and sent to the Governor's desk. The Supplemental Budget was released by the Conference Committee comprised of House and Senate members. Representative Straus offered the amendment during an earlier House session and the Conference Committee included this amendment as part of their final report.

Under Representative Straus' proposal, the Secretary of the Department of Elder Affairs will be given the power to negotiate directly with pharmaceutical companies in order to reduce the cost of prescription drugs in the state's popular Prescription Advantage program. The state spends $100 million annually on prescription drugs in this seniors' program.

"This amendment will allow for significant savings to the seniors in Massachusetts by granting to the Governor's administration the necessary power to negotiate fair and reasonable prices directly with pharmaceutical companies instead of being faced with added administrative costs passed onto the state by numerous middlemen and indirect suppliers who are involved after drugs leave the manufacturer," Representative Straus said.

"I believe this amendment is an important step in controlling rising drug prices," said House Ways and Means Committee Chairman John Rogers. "By taking out the middlemen, we hope the administration will be able

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to pass on significant savings to the seniors in Massachusetts."

Representative Straus also announced that the Committee Report extends the deadline for communities desiring to submit applications for new school projects to the Department of Education until June 30, 2003. Without this extension, communities currently involved in ongoing applications would not be eligible for funding.

"I am pleased that the Committee was able to address this important local issue," Representative Straus said. "Without this temporary moratorium, communities would not be able to continue with their ongoing applications aimed at improving education and educational facilities."

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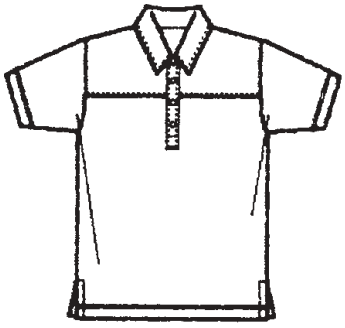




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Mattapoisett Maconchu Club

The next meeting of the Maconchu Club will be held on Saturday, March 15 at 7:30 pm in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Hank Seaman and his wife, Susan Pawlak-Seaman, both writers for *The Standard-Times,* will give the club some insight into what goes on in the newsroom. The club will, of course, serve refreshments after the meeting. All are invited to attend.

In April, the Maconchu Club will be attending the play *Les Miserables* at Old Rochester Regional High School in lieu of their regular meeting.

Rochester Trustee Sought

There will be two positions open on the Rochester Board of Library Trustees on the upcoming April election ballot, and only one candidate has taken out papers for re-election. The Board of Trustees would like to hear from residents interested in serving on the board and running as a possible write-in candidate. Terms run for three years. Interested candidates should draft a letter to the Board of Library Trustees stating their interest and giving a brief description of their background. Candidates should have an interest in libraries and be able to attend at least one meeting per month. Trustees normally meet on the second Saturday of the month from 9:00 to 10:00 am. Interested candidates are invited to attend the monthly board meeting on Saturday, March 8 at 9:00 am.

Letters may be sent or dropped off at the Joseph H. Plumb Library, 17 Constitution Way, P.O. Box 69, Rochester, MA 02770; Phone 508-763-8600 or 508-763-9593; E-mail: **plumblibrary@yahoo.com**.

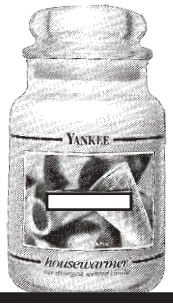
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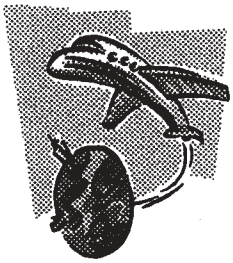
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ORR Parent Association

The next meeting of the ORR Parent Association will be on Wednesday, March 5 beginning at 7:00 pm. Among business items to be discussed are: the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, fundraising ideas, and Principal's Updates. The business meeting will precede the evening's program, which will be a presentation by Deborah DeWalt, ORR District School Committee Chairman, who has been asked to speak about the budget for the ORR School District, and a mini-tour of the new facilities at the high school.

Senior Dance Party

The National Honor Society of Old Rochester Regional High School will be hosting Senior Citizens from Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester at a Dance Party on Saturday, March 1 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm at the high school cafeteria. The National Honor Society (NHS) members will treat their honored guests to music, dancing, refreshments, and good conversation. A disc jockey will play everyone's favorite dance tunes.

The students hope to teach their guests some dances and learn some as well. All seniors are welcome. Please come and escape the winter blues with good fun and good music. For more information, please call any of the tri-town Councils on Aging (COA) or call 508-758-9694 or ask to speak to the Honor Society advisor at ORR at 508-758-3745.

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Mattapoisett Machacam Club

The Machacam Club will hold its March meeting on Wednesday, March 5 at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social hour begins at 5:30 pm with dinner service at 6:00 pm. The speaker this month will be Dave Andrews, Financial Officer for The Bay Club of Mattapoisett. Dave will give a very interesting and fact-filled presentation on The Bay Club from its inception through the present to its completion. Callers are reminded to report their lists no later than 9:00 pm on March 3.

Marion Census

The Town of Marion's Annual Town Census is nearly completed. All persons who have not responded are urged to do so immediately. If you have any questions or did not receive a census form, please call 508-748-3526 or 508-748-3502. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Phone calls are made to households that did not respond by mail. Census takers will visit homes of those unable to contact by phone.

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They are planning the Read-A-Thon for Tuesday, March 4 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Former and current Rochester Memorial School students will read throughout the day. Former students may sign up for a specific time of day to come in and read, based on their availability or come and spend the whole day with students! At the end of the day, all will celebrate reading with an ice cream sundae party. Books in the name of guest readers will be donated to the school library.

If you would like to join the Read-A-Thon, please call the school at 508-763-2049 and give your name, the time that you are available to come and share reading, and the name of the book that you will be reading. The school looks forward to having you join them!

Rochester Police Presentations

Robert Small, President of the Rochester Police Brotherhood, recently presented plaques of appreciation to three Rochester businesses. The plaques were presented to Richard Canning owner of R.F. Morse; Brian and Sally Cook, owners of the Centre Bakery and Cafe; and Jay George, owner of Lloyd's Market.

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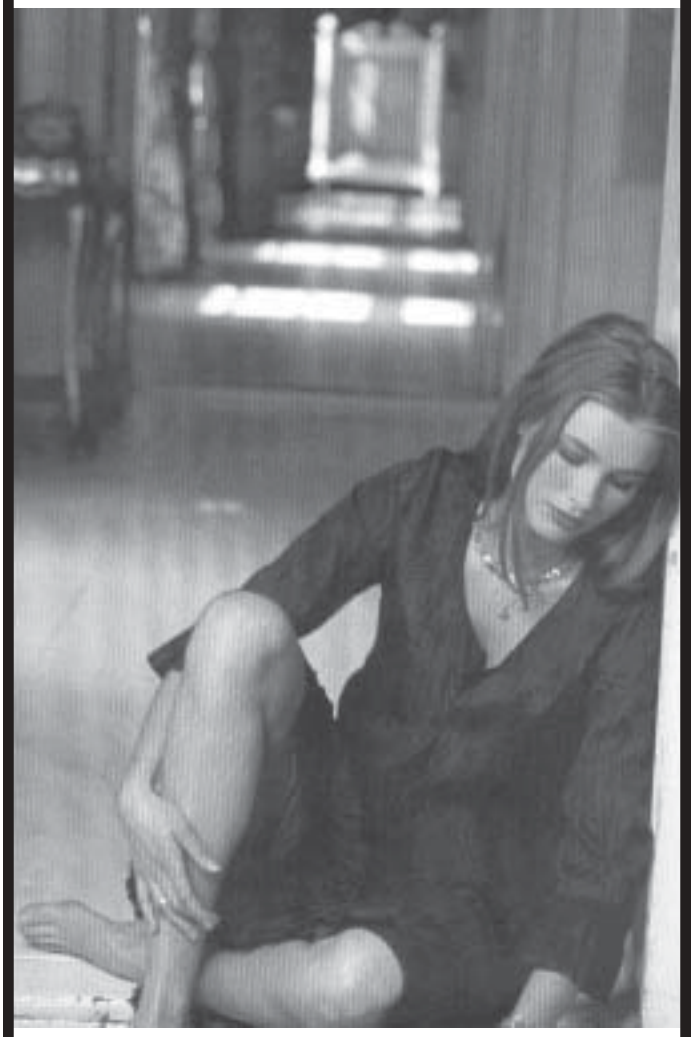
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Come and bring a friend, the building is handicap accessible.

The April meeting entertainment will be the Old Rochester Regional High School Jazz Band. Tickets will also be available at the April Meeting for the Annual Chicken Barbecue ($7) to be held in June.

Mattapoisett Democratic Delegates

Four delegates to the state Democratic Convention of 2004 were elected at a recent meeting of the Mattapoisett Democratic Caucus. The meeting was presided over by State Representative William Straus (D-Mattapoisett) at the Town Hall. Elected were Mary Flood, Eileen Sargent, Donald Fleming, and Charles Motta. Longtime party member and former Selectman John "Jack" DeCosta was also present.

Rochester Food Drive

Damien's Pantry in Wareham is in need of non-perishable and canned goods. Supplies are running low, as 488 people have been serviced in the month of December.

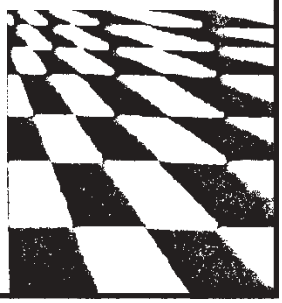
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Marion Foundation Lecture

The Marion Foundation is hosting and sponsoring a two-hour lecture on March 12 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm featuring Judy Converse. Judy has a Master's Degree in Public Health and is a registered and licensed dietician. She has specialized in therapeutic nutrition care for children since 1997. She has also worked in cardiac rehab, diabetes care, and the WIC Nutrition program and has been a registered dietician since 1989. She authored a book on pediatric hepatitis B vaccine as well as articles on therapeutic nutrition for children with autism. Her practice, Nutrition Care for Children, is in Bourne and she lives in Falmouth.

Judy will tell the group how therapeutic care can lessen or resolve the following childhood problems: poor sleep, difficult potty training, tantrums, colic, allergies, eczema, asthma, chronic ear infections, colds, poor appetite, learning or behavioral difficulties, fatigue or hyperactivity, and tactile hypersensitivity. This two-hour seminar will cover nutrition-related causes, clinical signs and symptoms indicating the need for nutrition care, appropriate and non-invasive laboratory testing to define

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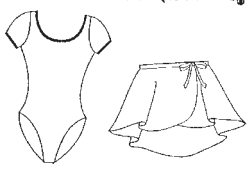
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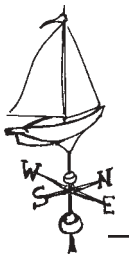
The Marion Foundation is located at 3 Barnabas Road in Marion. The cost for this event is $8 per person and attendees are asked to RSVP at 508-748-0816. In-service hours will be offered for Early Childhood Professionals. The Marion Foundation hopes this will be the first in a series of educational lectures geared towards parents with young children, health care providers and educators.

Loft School Enrollment

The Loft School is now accepting applications for the 2003-2004 year. They offer a wonderful variety of enrichment activities designed to reinforce the concepts introduced in the public school in a fun, relaxed and unhurried environment. Loft School is non-profit organization located on the corner of Front Street and South Street in Marion. Their Kindergarten Enrichment Program is offered to children enrolled in Kindergarten at the local elementary schools. Please call today for more information about this special after-school program at 508-748-1243 or 508-748-6788.

NBHS Class of '73 Reunion

The Reunion Committee for the New Bedford High School Class of 1973 is happy to announce the details of their 30th year celebration. A buffet dinner will be held on Saturday, November 29, 2003 at White's on the



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Mardi Gras in Fairhaven

The First Congregational Church of Fairhaven will be holding a Mardi Gras Party on Sunday, March 9 beginning at 4:00 pm. On the menu will be Jambo Jag, Down-Home Veggies, Bayou Bread, and Dessert. Games, door prizes, music and fun will follow dinner. Tickets are $9.95 for adults and by donation for children. The church is located at 34 Center Street in Fairhaven. Please call 508-993-3368 for tickets or reservations. All are welcome.

Steak Dinner in Marion

A Steak Dinner and Chinese Auction will be held at the Marion Social Club, 44 Pumping Station Road in Marion, on Sunday, March 22. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm and the club opens at 6:00 pm. Tickets are $12 and can be obtained by calling 508-748-2933. No take-outs for this dinner. Enjoy a charcoal-grilled steak served with salad, baked potato, roll and butter, coffee and dessert, accompanied by a fast-paced auction. The Marion Social Club is dedicated to helping the youth, the disabled, and the elderly in the tri-town area.

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Sea Shell Steppers

The Sea Shell Steppers "St. Patrick's Day" Square and Round Dance will be held on Saturday, March 1 from 8:00 to 10:30 pm at the Acushnet Council on Aging (COA) Hall on South Main Street. The level is mainstream-plus. For more information, please call 508-995-2209.

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Mattapoisett Church Scholarships

It is with pleasure that the Mattapoisett Congregational Church recently announced that applications are available for their 2003 scholarships. They may be acquired at the Guidance Offices at Old Rochester Regional High School or Bishop Stang High School, or at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church office, 27 Church Street, Monday through Friday between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon.

Applicants must be residents of Mattapoisett, Marion or Rochester, or members of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, and must be high school seniors graduating in June, or previous graduates who have applied for or are re-entering an accredited post-secondary education program. The criteria for choosing recipients are financial need, scholastic achievement and initiative. The deadline for filing applications is Wednesday, April 9, 2003.

Marion Garden Group

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Rochester Art Show

Students in Grades 4 to 6 at Memorial School in Rochester will be holding an Art Show on Thursday, February 27 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. The Grade 4 musical, "Alice in Wonderland," will take place at 7:15 pm that same night.

Rochester Police Scholarships

Each year the Rochester Police Brotherhood awards two $500 scholarships. The criteria is as follows: recipients must be a graduate of Old Rochester Regional High School or Old Colony Regional Voke Tech, majoring in criminal justice/law enforcement from either a two- or four-year school; they must submit a one-page essay on interest in criminal justice/law enforcement career; a letter of recommendation from guidance counselor and letter of recommendation from teacher or member of the community. All applications must in to the guidance office by May 15. Successful candidates will receive notice soon thereafter. The award will be given after successful completion of the first semester and proof of enrollment in the second semester.

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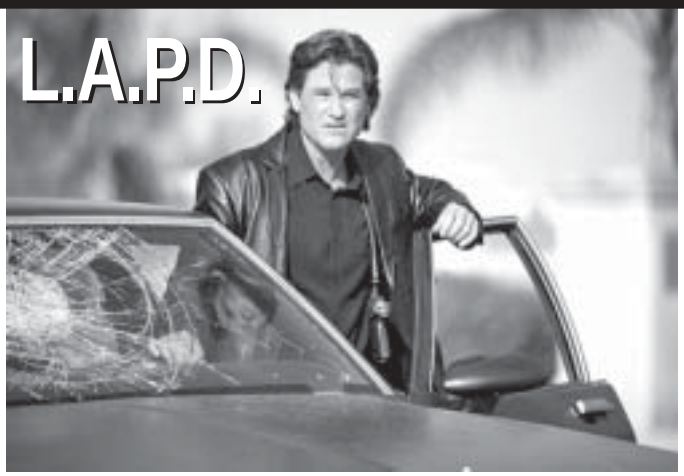
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MOVIE REVIEW

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***Dark Blue*. Starring Kurt Russell and Ving Rhames. Directed by Ron Shelton. Running time: 118 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At AMC Cinema 12 at the North Dartmouth Mall and Flagship Cinema 12 in New Bedford.**

In the grim and bitter cop drama *Dark Blue*, Kurt Russell comes out to play. This smart, underrated actor can usually do most roles upside down in his sleep, but this one — dirty L.A. cop Eldon Perry — requires his full attention and commitment, and he floods his scenes with all the cynical humor and offhand callousness they can hold. Eldon is a self-satisfied corrupt, racist bastard, and Russell, who has always come across as an intelligent man secure in his brainpower, gives us a protagonist who knows full well how rotten he is but covers it with fancy justifications. Russell fans, take note: This is probably the strongest work he's done in movies, and that includes his John Carpenter films.

Dark Blue situates Eldon, and many equally soiled cops, in an L.A. on the verge of flames: the movie is set days before the 1992 Rodney King verdict that drove furious citizens into the streets. James Ellroy, chronicler of "bad white men" in such books as *L.A. Confidential*, wrote the first version of the script, set during the Watts riots of 1965. Screenwriter David Ayer (*Training Day*) brought the script into modern times, adding his own touches; the relationship between Eldon and his rookie partner Bobby Keough (Scott Speedman) echoes that between Denzel Washington and Ethan Hawke.

This movie, though, is not about the rookie's disillusionment; it's about the gathering self-disgust of the veteran cop, who takes orders from the even more corrupt higher-up Jack Van Meter (Brendan Gleeson) and reacts with rage when Bobby questions Van Meter's orders — supposedly because Van Meter served on the force with Eldon's father, but possibly because Eldon, too, secretly questions it; you get the impression that Eldon's tirade against Bobby is really against himself. Eldon has been okayed for a lieutenant spot, and under Van Meter's watch he gets to do pretty much what he wants, but what does it profit Eldon if he gains the world but loses his soul?

When two snitches under Van Meter's protection commit a robbery and a multiple homicide, Eldon and Bobby swing into action, only they swing the wrong way. They're encouraged to go after a pair of ex-cons who had nothing to do with the crime, and we see the various ways the process is bent to Van Meter's will — he has dirt on everyone, including Deputy Chief Holland (Ving Rhames), who regards Van Meter with disgust and wants to bring him down. Van Meter, a gelatinous manipulator who isn't above blackmail and murder to keep the LAPD unit running smoothly, is straight out of James Ellroy's playbook; he would've gotten along fine with the James Cromwell character in *L.A. Confidential*.

Going far afield from his usual sports comedies, director Ron Shelton delivers a clean, taut piece of work with a respect for self-revealing rants. Kurt Russell gets most of the rants, and slams them home beautifully, especially during Eldon's career-suicidal speech at his badge ceremony. The language in *Dark Blue* is coarse yet eloquent, from Eldon's self-definition as "a gunfighter raised up in a family of gunfighters" to his laundry list of slimy things he's done in the name of protecting and serving. By the time the L.A. riots flare up, Eldon points out that it's men like himself and Van Meter who brought the city to this crisis, but he doesn't really need to. If anyone looks at home in the riots, it's Kurt Russell driving his car through the chaos, waving a gun and grimacing through his cracked windshield. It's not whether Russell is worthy of a serious cop drama; it's whether the movie is worthy of him, and it is.

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The Life of David Gale (R) – 1:20, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40
Gods and Generals (PG-13) – 3:00, 7:30
Daredevil (PG-13) – 1:00, 4:00, 7:05, 9:20
The Recruit (PG-13) – 9:00
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The Life of David Gale (R) – 1:00, 4:00, 6:45, 9:20
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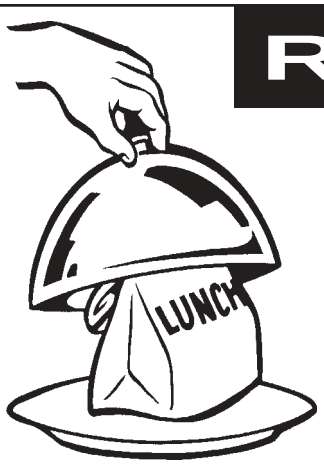
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Wednesday, March 5 – Fiesta fish with tartar sauce, glazed carrots, escalloped potatoes, Parker House roll, brownie, graham wafer.

Thursday, March 6 – Southern meat pie, winter blend vegetables, multi-grain roll, pineapple.

Friday, March 7 – Cheese lasagna with tomato sauce, cut green beans, scali bread, smoothie, fresh fruit.

• CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, March 3 – Chicken patty/roll, oven fries, lettuce, tomato, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, March 4 – Chicken fajita, lettuce, tomato, cheese, nachos, veggie sticks, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 5 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, meatball sub, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 6 – Stuffed crust pizza, tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, March 7 – HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins served.

• MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, March 3 – Chicken patty/roll, oven fries, lettuce, tomato, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, March 4 – Chicken fajita, lettuce, tomato, cheese, nachos, veggie sticks, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 5 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, meatball sub, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 6 – Stuffed crust pizza, tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, March 7 – HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins served.

• OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, March 3 – Juice, cheeseburger, potato puffs, corn, chilled fruit.

Tuesday, March 4 – Sloppy Joe, rice, green beans, fruit, chocolate chip cookie.

Wednesday, March 5 – Seafood salad roll, bacon burger, French fries, carrots, assorted pudding.

Thursday, March 6 – Teriyaki chicken sandwich, ham and cheese calzone, hash brown patty, broccoli, fruit crisp.

Friday, March 7 – Tuna or pizza, potato chips, mixed vegetables, peaches, assorted dessert.

• OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL, MATTAPOISETT

Monday, March 3 – Chicken patty/roll, oven fries, lettuce, tomato, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, March 4 – Chicken fajita, lettuce, tomato, cheese, nachos, veggie sticks, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 5 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, meatball sub, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 6 – Stuffed crust pizza, tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, March 7 – HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins served.

• ORR JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, March 3 – Soup, teriyaki chicken roll-up, seafood salad roll, lettuce, tomato, nachos, cheese sauce, dessert, juice or milk.

Tuesday, March 4 – Soup, baked chicken, mashed potato, chicken nuggets, gravy, corn or peas, roll, dessert, juice or milk.

Wednesday, March 5 – Soup, meat lasagna, chicken wings, turkey pocket, garlic bread, salad, dessert, juice or milk.

Thursday, March 6 – Soup, chicken patty, fries, meatball with cheese sub, lettuce, tomato, pickle, dessert, juice or milk.

Friday, March 7 – HALF DAY: Muffins, bagels, fruit, juice or milk served.

• SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, March 3 – Chicken patty/roll, oven fries, lettuce, tomato, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, March 4 – Chicken fajita, lettuce, tomato, cheese, nachos, veggie sticks, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 5 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, meatball sub, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

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Computer Classes

Students at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School will once again offer computer classes to senior citizens. The spring sessions will be held April 1, 8, 15 and 29 from 2:30 to 4:00 pm. This session will focus on Word Processing using Word Perfect for the Office and students will demonstrate how to take virtual tours of museums and other places of interest.

To enroll, please call the school at 508-758-4928 and leave your name and telephone number with Ms. Mello and tell her which session(s) you wish to attend — space is limited.

Walking Group

Please note: The Walking Group has changed their meeting times to Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 to 10:00 am and Thursday from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon. The group meets in front of Sippican School in Marion. New members are always welcome and you do not need to be a senior to join the fun!

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INNER VIEWS

Haunting Theater

By Kenneth J. Souza
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The Phantom lives again!

Yes, Andrew Lloyd Webber's elegant award-winning musical version of the classic beauty-and-the-beast tale is once more haunting the stage at the Providence Performing Arts Center for a limited five-week engagement through Sunday, March 23. I have to admit, this sprawling theatrical spectacle only seems to grow on me with repeat performances. The current Providence production, skillfully staged by the Cameron Mackintosh/Really Useful Theatre Company and directed by Harold Prince, was my third trip down into the water-filled recesses of the Phantom's Opera House, and it was clearly one of the best performances of the piece I've seen mounted to date.

Granted, I think familiarity with ***The Phantom of the Opera*** helps to better understand its sometimes-sparse plot — my first impression of the show, again in Providence several years earlier, was less enthusiastic because I had yet to become familiar with both the wonderful Webber score and the subtle changes in the story which originated with Gaston Leroux's novel and was later popularized in countless film adapatations, the best of which remains Lon Chaney's 1925 silent classic. And I'm admittedly partial to my second Phantom experience: watching Kiss frontman Paul Stanley (yes, he of the star-eyed makeup) easily slip into the role during a limited run in Toronto, Canada. For me, Stanley's interpretation remains second only to Michael Crawford, who originated the role on Broadway to great acclaim.

That said, I was duly impressed with Brad Little playing the man-behind-the-mask in the current Providence run. Little, who heads the 36-member cast, was clearly up to the task of commanding a capacity audience, and his deep but emotional voice was perfectly-suited to elicit both shades of fear and empathy in The Phantom. Little knocked it out of the park during two key sequences in the production: the passionate "Angel of Music" number and the show-stopping finale, "Music of the Night."

Not to be outdone, Julie Hanson was equally superb as young soprano Christine. More so than in previous productions, Hanson was skilled at subtly showing the development of her character from a second-string dancer into the transformed ingenue which The Phantom hand-picks for stardom. Like Little, Hanson's lilting voice speaks volumes about her character.

Rounding out the love triangle, Tim Martin Gleason brings a sense of humanity to an otherwise thankless role as Raoul, the man who truly loves Christine and risks his life to save her. Gleason is both charming and likeable, but it's difficult for him — and the remainder of the cast, for that matter — to not be upstaged by Little's Phantom.

Based on this latest Providence incarnation, it's easy to understand why *The Phantom of the Opera* remains the third longest-running show of all time. With equal parts intrigue, drama and suspense all wrapped up in a touching love story, it remains timeless entertainment, and a simple parable of how love can conquer all. Experience it again ... or for the first time.

• *The Phantom of the Opera* is at the Providence Performing Arts Center through Sunday, March 23. For tickets, call the PPAC box office at 401-421-ARTS, or purchase online at www.ticketmaster.com or www.ppacri.org.



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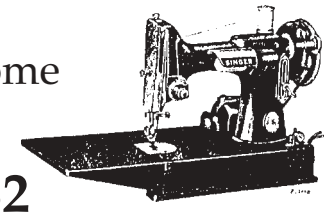
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***AMERICA (Feb. 28) Winners: Michelle Ouellette, Marion; Linda Rush, Marion; Aaron Duquette, New Bedford.**

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Faith Concert in Marion

The First Congregational Church of Wareham is planning a musical concert "Spring Window of Faith" on Sunday, March 2 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm in the Wickenden Chapel at Tabor Academy in Marion to kick off their Capital Campaign. The concert will feature the Furtado String Quartet, the church choir, and organists David Horne and Thomas Sargent. Tickets are $10 and can be

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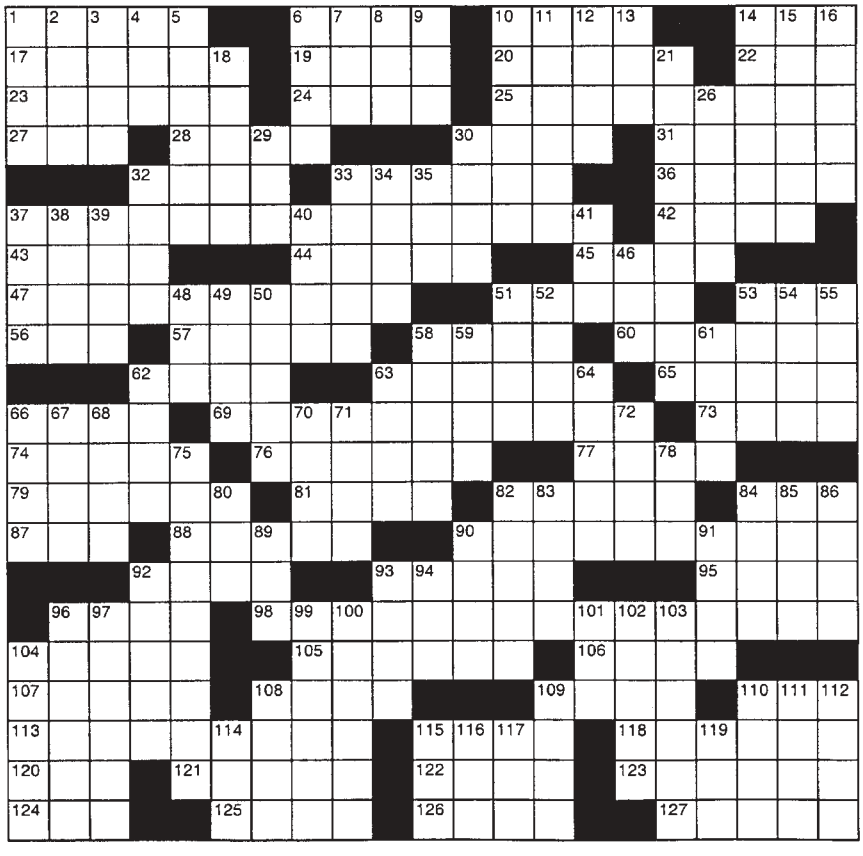
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1 Brno bloke
6 "— Show" ('94 film)
10 Ferber or O'Brien
14 Hum bug?
17 Buy back
19 Till
20 Approaches
22 — -Locka, FL
23 Luanda's land
24 "— fixe"
25 Start of a remark
27 Curly poker?
28 Way out
30 Actress Sorvino
31 Donizetti's "L'elisir d'—"
32 Tizzy
33 French novelist
36 Sell out
37 Part 2 of remark
42 Richard of "Love Me Tender"
43 Wine valley
44 Cabinet wood
45 Pack the freight
47 Upset
51 Panache
53 Weldon or Wray
56 Horatian creation
57 Christened
58 Role for 80 Down
60 Ida of "High Sierra"
62 Wear out the carpet
63 Vaccaro or Lee
65 Barbara's rank
66 Holler
69 Part 3 of remark
73 Sausage segment
74 Knock for — (astonish)
76 Ran amok
77 Dashboard feature
79 Explosive mixture
81 No pleasure trip
82 Complains
84 You can retire on it
87 "Casualties of War" setting
88 Pigeonhole
90 Resilience
92 Carpenter's tool
93 Celebrations
95 "Rule Britannia" composer
96 Unadorned
98 Part 4 of remark
104 Mr. Hiss
105 Paradisiacal
106 Romain de Tirtoff
107 Nero's instrument
108 From the top
109 Big rig
110 Deity
113 End of remark
115 George of "Scarface"
118 Journalist Fallaci
120 — Na Na
121 Sharon of Israel
122 Comrade
123 Expire
124 Shorten a skirt
125 Valuable
126 Linen in the beginnin'?
127 Rhythm of life

DOWN
1 Learn fast?
2 Paradoxical philosopher
3 Maugham's "The Razor's —"
4 Corporate VIP
5 Actress Bonham Carter
6 Pack it in
7 Sturm — Drang
8 "Graph" ending
9 Caldwell or Akins
10 Don a uniform
11 Want
12 Astronauts' agcy.
13 School subject
14 Colombia's capital
15 Screenwriter Nora
16 Consumed
18 Adage
21 Percussion instrument
26 PR concern
29 Robert of "Quincy, M.E."
30 "The Ghost and Mrs. —" ('47 film)
32 Nab a gnat
33 Heaped
34 Funnyman Foxx
35 Be obligated
37 — -European
38 "You — it!"
39 Chartres part
40 Ming thing
41 Pie — mode
46 Feel awful
48 Genetic info
49 Apiece
50 Daub
51 Ward (off)
52 New Jersey borough
53 Pacific archipelago
54 Shortly
55 Michael of "Cabaret"
58 Stream
59 Expect back
61 Damper
62 Conspire
63 Eight bits
64 Llama turf
66 James of "Brian's Song"
67 — mater
68 Corn Belt soil
70 Core
71 Skin feature
72 Present
75 Cartwright ranch
78 "Just — thought!"
80 Ms. Taylor
82 Mont —
83 Relaxation
84 Logroll
85 Sicilian smoker
86 Stained
89 Middling mark
90 Morlocks' prey
91 Rib —
92 Amphitheater feature
93 Expanded
94 Writer Rand
96 "Hail to thee, — spirit!"
97 Massachusetts city
99 Thin covering
100 Swimmer Gertrude
101 Elfin
102 Strong suit
103 Foment
104 Simian
108 Saucony rival
109 Charon's river
110 Sheffield slammer
111 Burden
112 Granola fruit
114 Rink legend
115 Brit. fliers
116 Dryden's "— for Love"
117 Neighbor of Ga.
119 Shiba — (Japanese dog)



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Congratulations, Lamb. The end of the month brings good news in the workplace, thanks to all the efforts you've made to get your projects off the ground and running.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Don't let yourself be cowed into thinking you're not up to the challenge you've taken on. Keep reinforcing your self-confidence, and no one and nothing can stop you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Positive responses to a recent workplace move should give you added assurance that you're on the right track. Celebrate the good news with family and/or friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) There's still a little emotional fuzziness you have to work through before you can feel really certain about your recent decisions. But you're on the right track. Stay with it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're tempted by an offer that seems close to what you've been looking for. But before you pounce on it, see if you can coax out some added perks to sweeten the deal.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your efforts to settle a volatile situation should prove successful. Now could be a good time to analyze what might have created the problem in the first place.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A once-close associate re-emerges with news that could cause you to reconsider a recent decision. But don't make a move before consulting a trusted adviser.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might feel pressured to reveal a colleague's secret. But you can rely on your strong Scorpion sense of rectitude to help you continue to do the right thing.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) That pesky situation is still creating problems. But you are moving ahead with it, and it should soon be successfully resolved in your favor.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A spate of indecision leaves you susceptible to doubt. But you'll soon regain your emotional sure-footedness and be back leading the way, as usual.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Love rules the week with new romances favored for single Aquarians looking for partners. Cupid also targets renewed commitment for wedded Water Bearers.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A surge of creativity keeps you happily busy through the week. But leave some quiet time to share with loved ones. Some long-awaited news finally comes through.

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Fairhaven Remembrance Service

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The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 5, 2003 at 7:00 PM in the main conference room of the Marion Town House on a Notice of Intent submitted by Thomas Cooper to construct a single-family dwelling, a deck and a driveway @ Lot 81B Cove's End Road as shown on Marion Assessors' Map 11.
Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Robert J. Merlino, Chairman 02/27

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 10, 2003 at 7:40pm in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by David S. Stroud and Ashleyn P. Stroud, 35 Water Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.
The proposed project is to remove existing deck and shed. Add two story addition on existing footprint of deck and shed using sona tube supports. Constructing a new 10x12 storage shed in upper Nrthwest corner of lot. The project is located at 4 North Street, and is further identified as Lot 162A on Assessor Map 9.
Conservation Commission 02/27

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
PLANNING BOARD
The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 17, 2003 at 8:00PM in the Selectmen's office at the Town Hall concerning the site application of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library regarding the proposed site improvements located at 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, MA and shown as Lot 110 on Assessors Map 9.
Complete plans for the project are on file at the office of the Town Clerk and may be reviewed by any interested party during normal business hours of the Clerk's office.
Planning Board 02/27, 03/06

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS
#824 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Laurent N. Gregoire (Barbara Medeiros owner), who is seeking a variance from setback requirements under section VIII.B of Rochester By-laws. Property is located at 251 Mattapoisett Road, Assessors plan 2, lot 16. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2003.
Ellen E. Endres, Chairman 02/27, 03/06

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The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 10, 2003 at 7:20PM in the Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by the Town of Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to perform roadway improvements to Industrial Drive. The project is located at the unimporved easterly layout of Industrial Drive.
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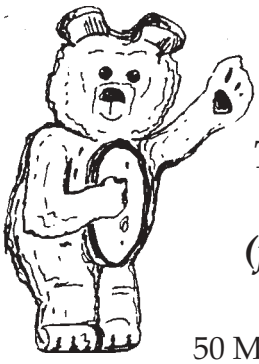
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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 6, 2003 at 6:00PM in the cafetorium of the Old Hammondtown School on the proposed Conservation By-Law which is scheduled for inclusion in the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting this spring. Copies of the proposed Conservation By-Law are available for pick up and/or review at the Office of the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission until 4PM Thursday March 6, 2003. Copies of the proposed By-Law will be available at the hearing site.
Conservation Commission 02/27

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 5, 2003 at 7:50 PM in the main conference room of the Marion Town House on a Request for a Determination of Applicability (41D-1133) submitted by JAMES & MARIE T. DAVIDIAN to either: (1) construct a permanent ramp from an existing stone pier/jetty northerly to a boulder in the water 35'-40' away, with a ramp & a float; or (2) to place a 40'-long seasonal floating ramp northerly from the stone pier/jetty to a float. The project is located at 21 East Avenue, Planting Island, and is further identified as Lot 69 on Marion Assessors' map 3. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Robert J. Merlino, Chairman 02/27

TRIVIA TEST
By Fifi Rodriguez

1. PSYCHOLOGY: What is "sitophobia"?
2. HISTORY: In what year did Germany invade Poland?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which city has been called "the suicide capital of the world"?
4. NICKNAMES: How was William H. Bonney better known?
5. LANGUAGE: What is the translation of the French phrase "c'est la vie"?
6. BUSINESS: Who co-founded Microsoft with Bill Gates?
7. MOVIES: What year was Alfred Hitchcock's film "Psycho" released?
8. GEOGRAPHY: What is the common name for the mountain the Tibetans call "Mother Goddess of the Land"?
9. LITERATURE: What novel features a character named Nick Charles?
10. CHILDREN'S TALES: What kind of an animal is Eeyore?

Answers
1. Fear of food
2. 1939
3. San Francisco
4. Billy the Kid
5. "That's life"
6. Paul Allen
7. 1960
8. Everest



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Mattapoisett Postcard Collectors

The Postcard Collectors of Mattapoisett is progressing well in preparing a book of early Mattapoisett postcards that will show those of "today" what the Town of Mattapoisett was like in "yester-years." At the weekly meetings held at the Friends Meeting House Hall, the postcards from many local collections have been sorted and arranged in preparation for publication. There are still some views that residents may have that could be included in this "eleven chapter book-to-be," titled *A Picture Postcard History of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts.*

The collectors are looking for one postcard that is known to exist, but have been unable to locate. It is a postcard picture of the Mattapoisett Poor Farm that was on Aucoot Road. If you would like to be included in this adventure and work of historical research, please call Natalie Sylvia-Hemingway at 508-992-2925 for information. It is not too late to be included!

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Marion School Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2003-2004 school year in Marion will be held at Sippican School on March 4 and March 6. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evening, March 4 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm and on Thursday morning, March 6 from 9:30 to 11:00 am.

At this time parents will receive an overview of the Kindergarten program, registration forms will be processed, and new parents will have the opportunity to meet with the School Adjustment Counselor. A copy of each student's updated immunization record must be



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4. Who was the last NBA player to compile three consecutive triple-doubles?
5. Who were the two goaltenders for the Boston Bruins when they won their last Stanley Cup in 1972?
6. Which player was the points leader for Major League Soccer in 2002?
7. Which four bicyclists have won the Tour de France five times?

Answers
1. George Foster in 1977 and 1978.
2. Jack Morris in 1990.
3. Michigan's Charles Woodson.
4. Grant Hill with Detroit in the 1996-97 season.
5. Gary Cheevers and Ed Johnston were the goalies.
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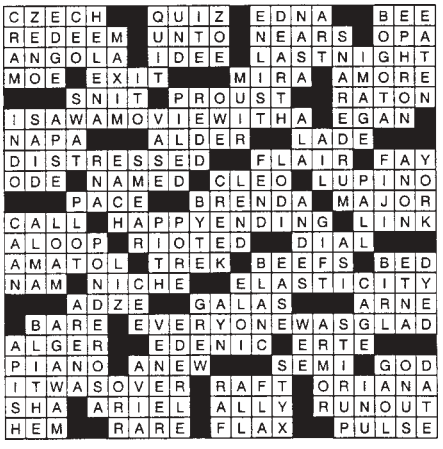
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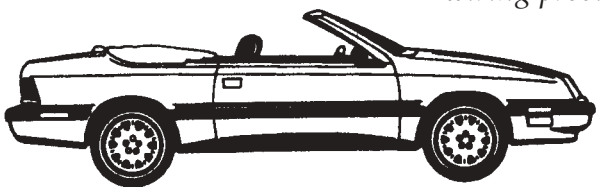


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African Display

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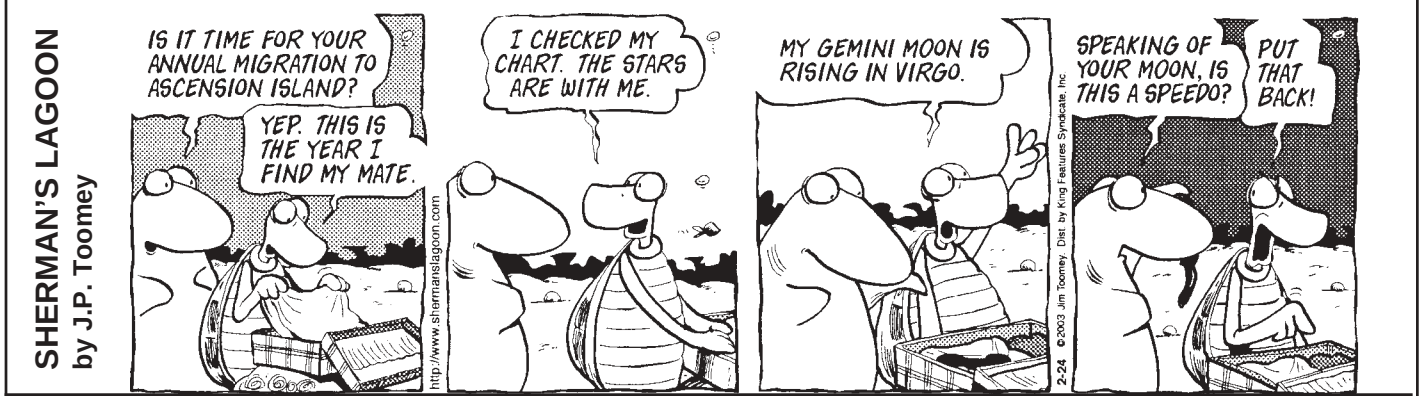
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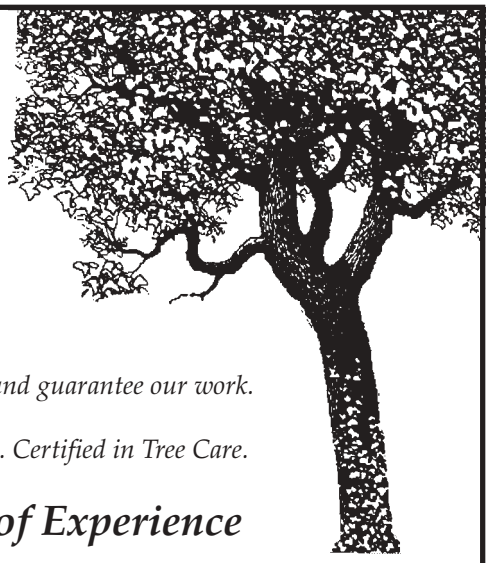
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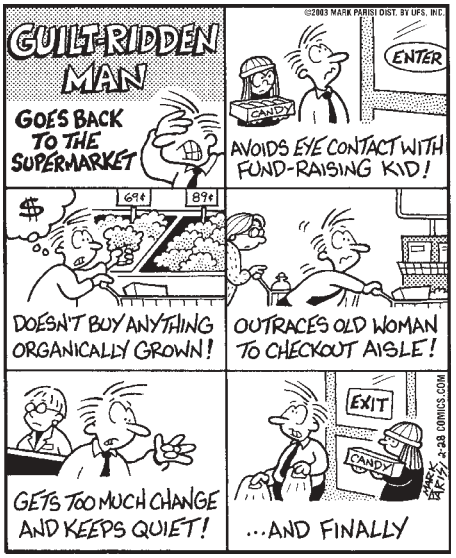
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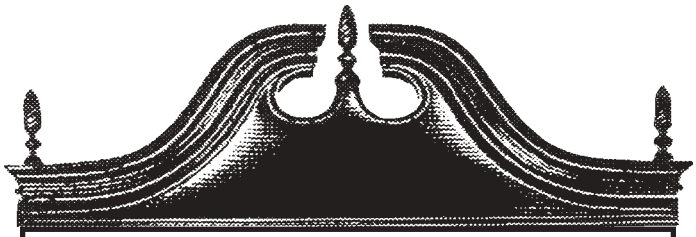
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The library's regular hours are Monday and Thursday, 1:00 to 8:00; Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 to 6:00; Friday, 10:00 to 5:00; and Saturday, 10:00 to 2:00. The library is closed on Sundays and major holidays.



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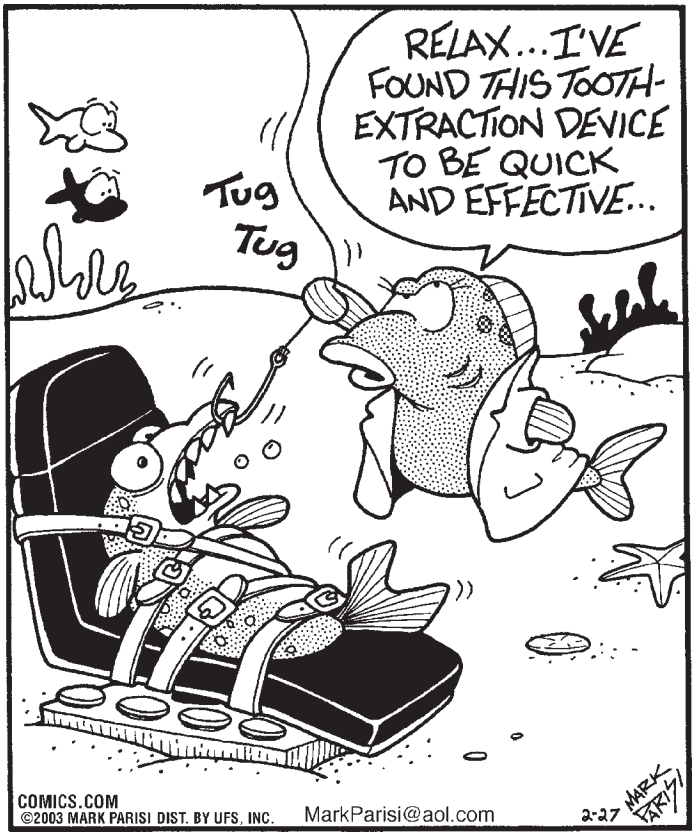
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Date	Day	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
February 27:	Thur.	5:06	5:27	11:44	11:18
February 28:	Fri.	6:01	6:18	11:59	12:23
March 1:	Sat.	6:48	7:04	. . .	12:54
March 2:	Sun.	7:31	7:45	12:46	1:19
March 3:	Mon.	8:12	8:25	1:26	1:47
March 4:	Tues.	8:49	9:02	2:02	2:15
March 5:	Wed.	9:26	9:38	2:39	2:46
March 6:	Thur.	10:03	10:13	3:15	3:19
March 7:	Fri.	10:39	10:49	3:50	3:52
March 8:	Sat.	11:17	11:24	4:27	4:29
March 9:	Sun.	11:59	. . .	5:09	5:08
March 10:	Mon.	12:07	12:44	5:58	5:57
March 11:	Tues.	12:55	1:38	7:10	6:59
March 12:	Wed.	1:53	2:40	8:53	8:14
March 13:	Thur.	3:00	3:47	10:02	9:25
March 14:	Fri.	4:11	4:50	10:51	10:25
March 15:	Sat.	5:12	5:42	11:33	11:19
March 16:	Sun.	6:04	6:30	. . .	12:13

Phases of the Moon

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• Barros Drive – disturbance/adult arrest (warrant)
• New Bedford Road – assist other police department
• Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Cove Circle – burglar alarm
• Converse Road – found property
• Point Road – larceny/past
• South Street – parking violation
• The Wave – motor vehicle stop
• Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
• Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Doran Way – motor vehicle complaint
• Pleasant Street – motor vehicle complaint
• Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Mill Street – suspicious person
• Front Street – animal complaint
• Dexter Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Rotue 195 West – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Olde Logging Road – officer wanted
• Wareham Road – motor vehicle stop/adult arrest (warrant)
• Wareham Road – suspicious person
• Wareham Road – suspicious activity
• Allen Street – fraud
• Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
• Olde Knoll Road – motor vehicle accident/hit and run/property damage
• Cranberry Way – motor vehicle complaint
• Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Stoney Run Lane – animal complaint
• Allen Street – parking violation
• Blackmore Pond Road – assist other police department
• Point Road – family disturbance
• Mill Street – officer wanted
• Ichabod Lane – breaking and entering/in progress
• Green Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Wareham Road – animal complaint
• Green Street – family disturbance
• Front Street – motor vehicle stop
• Spring Street/Sippican School – building check.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 16, 2003 through February 22, 2003:

• Fairhaven Road – ambulance request
• Winter Hill Road – burglar alarm
• County Road – adult arrest
• County Road – motor vehicle violations
• Brandt Island Road – motor vehicle accident
• Randall Road – animal control
• Shore Drive – burglar alarm
• Water Street – ambulance request
• County Road – animal control
• Crystal Spring Road – unwanted person
• Homestead Court – fire
• County Road – suspicious persons
• River Road – assist citizen
• County Road – property returned
• Water Street – safety/road hazard
• North Street – animal control
• Samoset Road – animal control
• Gosnold Street – domestic disturbance
• Ryan's Way – suspicious motor vehicle
• Route 195 East – adult arrest (warrant)
• Acushnet Road – vandalism
• Fairview Drive – burglar alarm
• Aucoot Road – safety/road hazard
• Captain's Lane – family offense (non-violent)
• Crestfield Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Fairview Drive – brush fire
• Old Brandt Island Road – weapons/firearms violation
• County Road – burglary/breaking and entering into structure
• Brandt Island Road – gunshots reported
• Church Street – domestic disturbance
• Beacon Street – burglar alarm.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 18, 2003 through February 25, 2003:

• Mary's Pond Road – motor vehicle accident
• Mattapoisett Road – aid to public
• Middle Street – ambulance request
• Bradford Lane – assist fire department
• New Bedford Road – missing person
• Dexter Lane – traffic hazard
• Clapp Road – motor vehicle accident
• Neck Road – highway matter
• County Road – highway matter
• Walnut Plain Road – highway matter
• Route 105 – highway matter
• High Street – adult arrest (warrant, unlicensed operation of motor vehicle)
• County Road – adult arrest (abuse of prevention order)
• Taber Lane – adult arrest (assault and battery, intimidating witness)
• Burgess Avenue – adult arrest (operating under the influence of liquor)
• Dexter Lane – adult arrest (marked lanes violation, reckless operation of motor vehicle, operating under the influence of liquor: second offense, drinking alcohol from an open container).

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